

TelCon:3/17/72
Afternoon
Mr. Kissinger/
Ambassador Dobrynin

(Picked up in middle of conversation)

- D: You have the paper in front of you?
- K: No, I have it of course but I don't have it in front of me - my staff assistant is not here - but you go ahead and read it to me.
- D: First, the United States and the USSR will proceed on the premise that it would be impossible to improve mutual relations.
- K: No - that is a typing error. Of course it is possible not impossible. It is a typing error.
- D: I don't know . . .
- K: Well, let me check it. That word should be "possible" and I will call you right back.
- D: Secondly, what about the . . . biological . . .
- K: On a personal basis I have very strong recommended it to the President and it is inconceivable that he . . .
- D: Moscow is asking me for a reply
- K: There will be a reply.
- D: Officially you are not going to do it . . .
- K: No we will get a positive reply by Monday night.
- D: It is soon the 20th already - between the 20th and the 24th.
- K: They are now thinking of the 28th.
- D: British proposal . . .
- K: I don't care just as long as we get them to do it.
- D: In the middle of March - . . . Moscow . . .
- K: Are you talking about in the middle of April?

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- D: No, I am talking about March - we discussed between the 20th and 24th. The British said the 28 of March. . . .
- K: Let me first get the President's agreement and then State will work out a mutual reply ~~to~~ no later than Monday.
- D: Is it right to presume it will be March.
- K: It is possible.
- D: Will you be here on Monday.
- K: Look I have the paper now - the word should be 'possible' - it is a typing error. . .
- D: . . .